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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Middle East (Syria)

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . 6749th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Thematic debate on "Disaster risk reduction"[1]

Opening

10 a.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

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[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 April 2012, containing the programme, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For background information on the thematic debate, please click here.

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Moderator:
Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Interactive panel discussion 1: "Addressing urban risk through public investment"

10.45 a.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Interactive panel discussion 2: "Increasing resilience to disasters through climate adaptation and risk reduction"

3 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Closing

5.30 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1741st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development will take place *today*, 12 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators, dated 4 April 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An election will be held for the appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, under sub-item (i) of agenda item 115 (documents A/66/664/Add.1 and A/66/682/Add.1), on Monday, 16 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, *has been postponed* to Friday, 20 April 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Accreditation of national security personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for National Security Personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012, onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

Working Group II

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Working Group I

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 12 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 12 April 2012

Group of 77 (briefing on South-South Cooperation)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Arab Group (Second Committee and Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Human Space Flight (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please write to academicimpact@un.org. For further information on the events, please *click here*; or contact the United Nations Academic Impact (Mr. Hasan Ferdous (e-mail ferdous@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6555); or Mr. Vikas Sharma (e-mail sharmav@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4629)).]

Briefing on "Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine (GUAM))

From 3 to 4.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Javid Nasirli, Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan (e-mail javidaz@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 738-6264, ext. 109).]

Special event on the occasion of the annual commemoration of the Rwanda genocide (7 April) (organized by the Outreach Programme on the Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations, Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Rwanda)

[Please *click here* for more details on the activities on the occasion of the commemoration.]

Discussion and screening of the documentary "Sweet Dreams"

At 6.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Martina Volpe Donlon, DPI (e-mail donlon@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6816).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Thursday, 12 April 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its second round of informal informal negotiations on the draft outcome document from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB); and from Monday, 30 April, to Friday, 4 May, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The draft outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site, at the following address: <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also reminded that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the draft outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the session in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the session of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Committee on Conferences
Organizational session for 2012

The organizational session for 2012 of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Wednesday, 25 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.172/2012/L.1, which includes an agenda item on the review of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog.1)).

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Mildred Fernandes, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail fernandes3@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

Inquiries regarding these elections can be sent to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, to the attention of Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held on Thursday, 19, and Friday, 20 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-second session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-second session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 26 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB), for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2012/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2012/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2012/L.2).

Further information on the Committee for Programme and Coordination is available at following Web site: <www.un.org/en/ga/cpc/>.

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; room L-320; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States which are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their Permanent Mission, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development" (under agenda item 63) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Friday, 13 April 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Monday, 16 April 2012, from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Friends of the International Criminal Court (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Friday, 13 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Alice Revell, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail alice.revell@mfat.govt.nz; tel. 1 (212) 317-3095).]

Seminar on Migration and Sustainable Development (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Monday, 16 April 2012, from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, please contact UNITAR (Mr. Pierpaolo Capalbo (e-mail pierpaolo.capalbo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021); or Mr. Christian Mahillet (e-mail mahillet@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603; fax 1 (212) 963-9686)).]

Silent Shout NYC — Cultural event in support of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (co-organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Finland)

Tuesday, 17 April 2012, from 1.45 to 2 p.m., in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail kirungi@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3431); or Mr. Fred Doulton, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail doultonf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4466).]

Panel discussion on "World military spending and transparency: Recent trends and the United Nations report on military expenditures" (organized by the Conventional Arms Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs)

Wednesday, 18 April 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Elsie Haregwein, Conventional Arms Branch (e-mail haregwein@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6208).]

Briefing on "Strengthening public-private partnerships for the benefit of children and vulnerable adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean" (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador, in collaboration with Helping Hands, Inc.)

Friday, 20 April 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Artiga, Permanent Mission of El Salvador (e-mail aartiga@rree.gob.sv; tel. 1 (212) 679-1616).]

Briefing by the General Manager of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (organized by the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, New York Office)

Monday, 23 April 2012, from 8.45 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Trey Watkins, Roll Back Malaria Partnership, New York Office (e-mail kwatkins@whoun.org; tel. 1 (646) 626-6054).]

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
First session
United Nations Office at Vienna

The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 30 April, to Friday, 11 May 2012, in Conference Room M1, United Nations Office at Vienna.

A general debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee will be held on Monday, 30 April, and on Wednesday, 2 May 2012. There will be no official meeting on Tuesday, 1 May, official holiday. The list of speakers for the general debate *is open*. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room DN-3501B; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

Members of delegations who are not already accredited to the United Nations Office at Vienna are requested to fill in the registration form annexed to "Information for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations" (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/INF/2*), and return it to the secretariat (Mr. Hong Tan), by no later than Monday, 16 April.

States parties are also kindly requested to provide, in writing, the composition of their delegations at the session, as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 16 April, to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Thomas Markram, UNODA (Room DN-3506, United Nations, New York, NY 10017); or to the NPT Secretariat (fax 1 (917) 367-1767). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the information containing the names of representatives be provided in Microsoft Word or compatible format to Ms. Bertha Ortiz by e-mail (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 16 April.

Further information for participants is contained in the Information Note (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/INF/2*) and is also available on the Web site of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference <www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear/NPT2015/PrepCom2012>.

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The last language-specific informational meetings of the first round for 2012 will be held as follows, in Conference Room A (NLB):

Today, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Today, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 12 April 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 (*French).*

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 11 April 2012

Security Council

6748th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (S/2012/160)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/11).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notification under article 46 (14): Jamaica (10 April 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Mourad Benmehidi

Asia-Pacific States:
Mongolia
H.E. Ms. Enkhtsetseg Ochir

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Boyan Nedialkov Belev
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guatemala
H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal

Western European and other States:
Sweden
H.E. Mr. Mårten Grunditz

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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